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action program, and by any Federal, State, or local agency or court, including those resulting from a conciliation agreement, a consent decree, court order, or similar mechanism. The grantee agrees that State or local affirmative action plans will be used in lieu of any affirmative action plan or steps required by 14 CFR part 152, subpart E, only when they fully meet the standards set forth in 14 CFR 152.409. The grantee agrees to obtain a similar assurance from its covered organizations, and to cause them to require a similar assurance of their covered suborganizations, as required by 14 CFR part 152, subpart E.

§ 152.407 Affirmative action plan: General.

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each of the following shall have an affirmative action plan that meets the requirements of §152.409 and is kept on file for review by the FAA Office of Civil Rights:
- (1) Each sponsor who employs 50 or more employees in its aviation workforce.
- (2) Each planning Agency which employs 50 or more employees in its agency for aviation purposes.
- (3) Each state political division, administering a grant under the AADA to develop standards for airport development at general aviation airports, which employs 50 or more employees in its aviation workforce.
- (b) A grantee is in compliance with paragraph (a) of this section, if it is subject to, and keeps on file for review by the FAA Office of Civil Rights, one of the following:
- (1) An affirmative action plan acceptable to another Federal agency.
- (2) An affirmative action plan for a State or local agency that the covered organization certifies meets the standards in §152.409.
- (3) A conciliation agreement, consent decree, or court order which provides short and long-range goals for equal employment opportunity similar to those which would be established in an affirmative action plan meeting the standards in §152.409.
- (c) Each sponsor shall require each aviation related activity (other than construction contractors) which em-

ploys 50 or more employees on the airport to prepare, and keep on file for review by the FAA Office of Civil Rights, an affirmative action plan developed in accordance with the standards in §152.409, unless the activity is subject to one of the mechanisms described in paragraphs (b) (1) through (3) of this section.

(d) Each sponsor shall require each aviation related activity described in paragraph (c) of this section to similarly require each of its covered suborganizations (other than construction contractors) which employs 50 or more employees on the airport to prepare, and to keep on file for review by the FAA Office of Civil Rights, an affirmative action plan developed in accordance with the standards in §152.409, unless the suborganization is subject to one of the mechanisms described in paragraphs (b) (1) through (3) of this section.

§ 152.409 Affirmative action plan standards.

- (a) Each affirmative action plan required by this subpart shall be developed in accordance with the following:
- (1) An analysis of the employer's aviation workforce which groups employees into the following job categories:
 - (i) Officials and managers.
 - (ii) Professionals.
 - (iii) Technicians.
 - (iv) Sales workers.
 - (v) Office and clerical workers.
 - $(vi) \ Craft \ workers \ (skilled).$
 - (vii) Operatives (semi-skilled).
 - (viii) Laborers (unskilled).
 - (ix) Service workers.
- (2) A comparison separately made of the percent of minorities and women in the employer's present aviation workforce (in each of the job categories listed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section) with the percent of minorities and women in each of those categories in the total workforce located in the SMSA, or, in the absence of an SMSA, in the counties contiguous to the employer's location or the location where the work is to be performed and in the areas from which persons may reasonably be expected to commute. This

data on the total workforce of the applicable area will be supplied to grantees by the FAA. Grantees shall make this data available to the other organizations covered by this subpart. The comparison for minorities must be made only when minorities constitute at least 2 percent of the total workforce in the geographical area used for the comparison.

- (3) A comparison, for the aviation workforce, of the total number of applicants and persons hired with the total number of minority and female applicants, and minorities and females hired, for the past year. Where this data is unavailable, the employer shall establish and maintain a system to provide the data, and shall make the comparison 120 days after establishing the data system.
- (4) Where the percentage of minorities and women in the employer's aviation workforce, in each job category, is less than the minority and female percentage in any job category in the workforce of the geographical area used, an analysis, based on the comparison required by paragraph (a)(3) of this section, determining whether any of the following exists:
- (i) Insufficient flow of minority and female applicants.
- (ii) Disparate rejection of minority and female applicants. The FAA generally considers disparate rejection to exist whenever a selection rate for any race, sex, or ethnic group is less than 80 percent of the rate for the race, sex, or ethnic group with the highest selection rate.
- (b) Each affirmative action plan required by this part shall be implemented through an action-oriented program with goals and timetables designed to eliminate obstacles to equal opportunity for women and minorities in recruitment and hiring, which shall include, but not be limited to:
- (1) Where disparate rejection of minority and female applicants is indicated by the analysis required by paragraph (a)(4) of this section, validation of those portions of the testing or selection procedures which cause the disparity in accordance with the "Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection" (43 FR 38290; August 25, 1978), within 120 days of the analysis.

- (2) Where testing or selection procedures cannot be validated, discontinuation of their use.
- (3) Where an insufficient flow of minority and female applicants (less than the percentage available) is indicated by the analysis required by paragraph (a)(4) of this section, good faith efforts to increase the flow of minority and female applicants through the following steps, as appropriate:
- (i) Development or reaffirmation of an equal opportunity policy and dissemination of that policy internally and externally.
- (ii) Contact with minority and women's organizations, schools with predominant minority or female enrollments, and other recruitment sources for minorities and women.
- (iii) Encouragement of State and local employment agencies, unions, and other recruiting sources to ensure that minorities and women have ample information on, and opportunity to apply for, vacancies and to participate in examinations.
- (iv) Participation in special employment programs such as Co-operative Education Programs with predominantly minority and women's colleges, "After School" or Work Study programs, and Summer Employment.
 - (v) Participation in "Job Fairs."
- (vi) Participation of minority and female employees in Career Days, Youth Motivation Programs, and counseling and related activities in the community.
- (vii) Encouragement of minority and female employees to refer applicants.
- (viii) Motivation, training, and employment programs for minority and female hard-core unemployed.

§152.411 Affirmative action steps.

(a) Each grantee which is not described in §152.407(a) and is not subject to an affirmative action plan, regulatory goals and timetables, or other mechanism providing for short and long-range goals for equal employment opportunity, shall make good faith efforts to recruit and hire minorities and women for its aviation workforce as vacancies occur, by taking the affirmative action steps in §152.409(b)(3), as follows: